

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the below named inventors, hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below next to our respective names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **AXIALLY FLEXIBLE STENT**, the specification of which:

_____ is attached hereto.

X was filed on December 20, 1996 as serial number 08/770,236.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of United States provisional applications 60/010,686 filed January 26, 1996; 60/017,479 filed April 26, 1996; 60/017,415 filed May 8, 1996; and 60/024,110 filed August 16, 1996.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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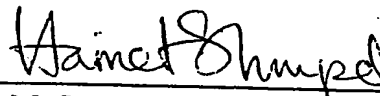
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